

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 6, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, July 6, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-21-342 – Livable Frederick Planning & Design, Planning & Permitting Division
- J-21-344 – Accounting & Finance Support, Water & Sewer Utilities Division

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-342, and J-21-344 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that

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passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from June 29, 2021.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the minutes from June 29, 2021. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Boards and Commissions

Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Affordable Housing Council

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Kandy Alexander, Patricia Galloway, Angie Liddiard, Mary-Ellen Mitchell, Jason Wiley, and Bruce Zavos, and Assan Sosseh to the Affordable Housing Council to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		

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District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Commission on Disabilities

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the appointment of Jackie Kanekuni to the Commission on Disabilities to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Deferred Compensation Committee

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Tyler Muntz, Paul Taboada and Curtis Kramer to the Deferred Compensation Committee to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Fire and Rescue Advisory Board

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of David Fox and Nelson Smith to the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Historic Preservation Commission

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the appointments of Jack Lynch and Alec Davidson to the Historic Preservation Commission to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Human Relations Commission

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Dr. Michael Baran, Christine Isleib, Cindy Shubin and Veronica Lowe to the Human Relations Commission to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Local Management Board

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Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointment of Latrice Lewis to the Local Management Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Metropolitan Council of Governments – National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the appointment of County Executive Jan Gardner to the Metropolitan Council of Governments – National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Member Kai Hagen Abstained.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen			X
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Retirement Plan Committee

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Mike Mills, Sgt. Jeff Hyatt and Sgt. Michael Bird to the Retirement Plan Committee to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		

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District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Senior Services Advisory Board

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the appointments of Barbara Angleberger, Bud Otis and Thea Uhlig-Ruff to the Senior Services Advisory Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Soil Conservation Districts Board – Catoclin and Frederick

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Ben Sowers (Catoclin county-appointed representative) and Robert Black (Frederick county-appointed representative) to the Soil Conservation Districts Board – Catoclin and Frederick to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to confirm the appointments of Peter Blood,

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Katherine Esposito and Phil LeBlanc to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Compensation Levels for County Executive and Council for the Term Commencing in 2022

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve beginning on the first Monday in December 2022, the County Executive shall receive a salary of \$137,000 per annum and all other matters of Charter provision 406(a) shall remain unchanged. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 6-1.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve beginning on the first Monday in December 2022, each Council Members shall receive a salary of \$35,000 per annum and all other matters in Charter provision 207 remain unchanged. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 4-3.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue		X	

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At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer		X	

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council